42. Al-Karim
(The Generous)

"Allah's generosity is such that He gives before being asked, and continues giving even after being denied."

- Hatim al-Asamm (d. 852 CE)
Source: Recorded in al-Sulami's "Tabaqat al-Sufiyya"

Anyone wishing to be honoured by the Ulama and pious people should continue reciting this Name of Allah until he falls asleep - Al Hisnul Hasin

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Asmaa ul Husna

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The Most Beautiful Names of Allah ﷻ

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AL-KAREEMﷻ (THE BEING WHO GRANTS WITHOUT BEING ASKED ﷻ)

1.) Al-Kareem ﷻ is that Being who grants without any recompense and asking.

2.) Al-Kareem ﷻ is that Being who is not in need of any means. He ﷻ grants without any reason.

3.) Al-Kareem ﷻ is that Being who in granting and favouring does not care whether it is a believer, disbeliever, sinner or pious person. Every other benefactor eventually stops giving, or his wealth comes to an end. The favours and graces of Al-Kareem ﷻ never terminate. These favours and graces will be found in this world and the Hereafter.

4.) Al-Kareem ﷻ is that Being who becomes pleased when His slaves accepts His favours.

5.) Al-Kareem ﷻ is that Being who grants and then praises, as He ﷻ does with His awliyaa (friends) – He ﷻ grants them imaan and He ﷻ places dislike of kufr, sin and disobedience in their hearts, and thereafter He ﷻ praises them in the Quran:

أُوْلَئِكَ هُمُ الرَّاشِدُونَ

These people are rightly guided. (Hujuraat)

Allaah ﷻstates in the Quraan Kareem:

اِنَّا وَجَدْنَاه صَابِرًا نِعْمَ الْعَبْدُ اِنَّه اَوَّابٌ

Verily We found him to be forebearant. What a good slave he was! Verily he was one who turned to us in abundance. (Saad).

How Pure is Allaah! He granted the beautiful quality of patience to His servant, and then praises him. The meaning of this is that the patience which Ayoob ﷺ bore was only due to the ability granted by Allaahﷻ. Thus it was a gift of Allaahﷻ. Allaahﷻ Himself granted this quality, and thereafter praises Ayoobﷺ over his patience.

6.) Al-Kareem ﷻ is that Being whose favours encompasses the needy as well as others i.e. poor, rich, king or pauper. A person came to a pious man, and said to him, “I managed to exchange my lungs for five hundred thousand rupees.” The pious man said to his disciples, “All of our lungs are functioning correctly. Allaah ﷻ has placed lungs worth one million rupees in our bodies.”

7.) Al-Kareem ﷻ is that Being who grants those who criticize or dispraise Him (He ﷻ does not even deprive those who show disrespect to His status.)

8.) Al-Kareem ﷻ is that Being who grants before He ﷻ is asked, and grants when He is asked.

9.) Al-Kareem ﷻ is that Being who forgives, even though He ﷻ has the ability to punish.

10.)Al-Kareem ﷻ is that Being who fulfils His promises.

11.) Al-Kareem ﷻ is that Being from whom every small and big need can be sought.

12.) Al-Kareem ﷻ is that Being who neither forsakes the one who seeks refuge in Him, nor does He abandon the one who seeks His assistance.

13.) Al-Kareem ﷻ is that Being who does not rebuke without reason.

14.) Al-Kareem ﷻ is that Being who does not punish without reason or unjustly.

15.) Al-Kareem ﷻ is that Being who is free from every fault and weakness.

16.) Al-Kareem ﷻ is that Being who gives honour. This quality too is only reserved for Allaah ﷻ. Whoever Allaah ﷻ wishes to honour will become honourable even in the dregs of disgrace.

Allaamah Khattaabee ؒ states,

هُوَ اَكْرَمُ الأَكْرَمِيْنَ لَأَ يُوَازِيه كَرِيْمٌ وَ لَا يُعَادِلُه نَظِيْرٌ

From all those who are generous, He ﷻ is the most generous. No generous person can ever match Him ﷻ in generosity, and none can ever equal Him ﷻ.